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9th BS welcomes new commander



By Senior Airman James Schenck
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 9th Bomb Squadron “Bats” welcomed a new commander during a change-of-command ceremony at the 3-Bay Hangar March 9.

Lieutenant Colonel Randy Allen, former 9th BS director of operations, took command of the unit from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Robert Maness who is currently serving as the 7th Operations Group deputy commander, but is scheduled to attend the Naval War College, Newport City, R.I., in June.

Colonel Allen has been in the Air Force for 20 years and moved to Dyess November 2003.

Since that time, he has served as the director of operations for the 9th BS.

Previous assignments include Air Staff at the Pentagon and National Military Command Center where he served as Air Force Liaison Officer.

This is not the first time Colonel Allen has been at Dyess. In 1995, he attended B-1 initial

qualification course here before being assigned to the 37th BS at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. He has also served in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and earlier in Operation Desert Storm and Operations Southern Watch and Allied Force.

Colonel Allen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general studies and a commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1986. In 2000, he earned a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He completed Squadron Officers’ School at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in 1993, and Air Force Weapons School in 1998.

Colonel Allen was originally a B-52 pilot and has more than 4,300 career flight hours including 44 combat missions.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with an oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Aerial Achievement Medal.

Left: Lieutenant Col. Randy Allen, former 9th Bomb Squadron vice commander, takes a guidon from Col. Scott Vander Hamm, 7th Operations Group commander, in a change-of-command ceremony here March 9.
Below: A formation of 9th BS “Bats” salutes during the presentation of the colors during the change-of-command ceremony here.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

Murray talks rotations, uniforms, quality of life

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – Retro was all the rage March 10 as Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray met with enlisted Airmen.

Chief Murray, the Pacific Air Forces command chief before assuming his current job, addressed a standing-room-only crowd about several issues concerning the base, Pacific Air Forces and enlisted Airmen.

Chief Murray described the current air and space expeditionary force landscape.

“As we return to the rotational AEF, we are involved in the largest rotation of military forces in history,” he said. “We are currently rotating 150,000 military members out of the Middle East while rotating 100,000 in.”

Though the Air Force has the smallest portion of those deployed to the area of responsibility, its role is about to increase, Chief Murray said.

“We will be picking up 2,000 billets previously filled by (Soldiers),” he said. Most will go to the security forces, transportation, civil engineer and air traffic controller career fields.

When the chief asked the audience, by show of hands, how many had been on an expeditionary deployment, more than two-thirds of those in attendance raised their hands.

“We have worked hard to get back to the rotational schedule so you can have predictability and stability about deployments, both for units

and families,” Chief Murray said. “But we also must maintain supreme air power of lethality and might.”

Chief Murray also shared several quality-of-life improvement aspects.

“In 1998, the average time in service for promotion to staff sergeant was six years; that is now down to four,” he said. “Today, the average time to make technical sergeant is 13 years. We are projecting that in the next three to four years that average will be down to 10 years.”

“Do I think our troops will be ready for the added responsibilities at that point in their careers?” the chief asked. “Absolutely.”

The subject of the proposed new utility uniform and that they will be cut and fit for females drew the largest applause of the day.

“Elmendorf (Air Force Base, Alaska) is the first base (in PACAF) to test it,” he said. “As expected, they love the way it wears and fits.”

“I spoke with one of the Airman wearing the uniform, and she said she had washed and worn it six times so far, and it was still as crisp as new,” he said. “Everyone from Airmen to the four-stars have said the same thing – it’s sharp looking.”

“There is no more historic time to serve our nation than today,” Chief Murray said. “I’ve been to 18 bases since Jan. 1, and the focus and attitude toward mission accomplishment displayed by our Airmen today is the greatest I have ever seen.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray testifies Feb. 15 before the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military quality of life, veterans affairs and related agencies.

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COMMANDER’S CORNER

On March 25, Team Dyess will continue to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Dyess Air Force Base with two unique events.

At 10 a.m. at the front gate, we will dedicate a full-scale replica of Lt. Col. Edwin Dyess’ World War II P-40.


The aircraft was donated to the base by the people of the city of Abilene and the Big Country.

Also that evening will be the 50th Anniversary Gala held at the Heritage Club.

It promises to be an enjoyable and fun evening.

There are still a limited number of tickets available for the Gala.

Please contact Dyess’ protocol office at DSN 461-5610 or commercial 696- 5610 as soon as possible to sign up if you would like to attend.



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

Lean: not just TQM repackaged

Commentary by Maj. John Nelson
7th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

Another opportunity is before us. Some may cringe when “opportunity” is used by a supervisor; apprehensive as to how this “opportunity” will change their daily tasks and work tempo. This is a reasonable reaction as technicians must adjust their work while still striving to meet anticipated schedule and performance standards.

The opportunity I’m referring to is Gen. Ronald Keys,’ Air Combat Commander, Dec. 19, 2005 correspondence discussing Air Force Smart Ops 21 (AFSO21) with Lean principles as the implementation vehicle.

Please understand that Lean is not another program, but a way of thinking. We are training ourselves to step back and look at the tasks we perform day-in and day-out and ask ourselves, can this be done better, faster or more efficiently? Some of you are thinking, “Sounds like total quality management repackaged.”

Two striking differences separate TQM from the Lean philosophy. First, TQM resulted in generating a lot of metrics which consumed time and led to “analysis paralysis.” Analysis of metrics was well-intentioned, but the unintended result was innovative ideas that never came to fruition because of excessive data gathering and analysis. The ability to “Just Do It” is a key tenet of the Lean philosophy. While Lean requires some analysis, we don’t lose sight of the need to implement change rather than just talking about it.

Second, TQM was an inspectable program from higher headquarters, whereas

Lean is not. No inspection teams have been trained to assess our Lean implementation as they did in the mid-90s when our process flow charts and metrics had to be posted in the workcenters alongside meeting minutes from process action teams and quality councils.

Addressing the processes in your work center can be daunting because we take great pride in our work and admitting we are less than perfect will puncture some oversized egos. We aren’t challenging personal pride; we are challenging the memory muscle of following the established way of doing business without considering that some things can be done better.

Taking a step-by-step approach toward reviewing a process shows adherence to discipline rather than a renegade or careless attitude toward technical orders and standard safety practices.

The Lean methodology uses an extensive quantity of tools to allow workers to eliminate waste in their tasks. One of the simplest and easiest tools to implement is the 5S plus 1 event. A 5S plus 1 (sort, straighten, shine, standardize, sustain & safety) organizes work centers so tools and supplies are readily accessible to technicians allowing them to focus on the mission. The 5S plus 1 event reduces clutter and establishes “a place for everything and everything in its place” mentality.

After work centers are organized and a process is identified for improvement, it is time to identify and attack waste in the process. Waste is defined as tasks without a direct contribution to the final product, idle time, or re-work. A value stream map, or illustration, of the process will be created to show all the steps required for the

task, even those steps that are burdensome. This can be a “Eureka” instance for us because we will be able to see wastes that aren’t evident when we are doing the job. The elimination of waste allows for tasks to be completed with less re-work, using fewer resources and taking less time.

Now comes the hard part, completing the tasks without those resources, whether it is less time or fewer people. Ideally, the analysis of the steps will also lead to identification of new equipment or resources that can produce further gains. Showing your supervision the gains from investing in updated tools, workstations, or facilities is tough, but utilizing this methodical analysis carries a lot of punch.

For unit supervision, finding the courage to grant the authority to our workers to “Just Do It” is intimidating and requires great trust. It also requires your engagement to keep them safe and break down the barriers standing in their way, a much harder task than just telling them, “No, that’s not possible.” I predict the greatest challenge will not be getting innovative ideas, but having unit leadership willing to work through the bureaucracy created by leadership that stymies innovation.

For mid-level supervisors and above, support your Airmen by listening to their suggestions, affording them time to identify non-value added work, brainstorming with them on possible solutions, assisting them in gaining approval to change technical orders if necessary, and championing their requests for equipment and tools to do their jobs more efficiently.

The pride you will have in your subordinates and the pride they will have in their work will be worth all the effort.

Attitude is everything while deployed

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Holbrook
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) — Being deployed can be a challenge, but here are a few tips that can make the experience more enjoyable.

Display a positive attitude.

Whenever we’re in public, people are watching our every move. We don’t have to say one word to communicate with those around us; our attitude is constantly on display.

Think about how many times you could predict the type of mood a family member or friend was in just by watching his actions. Also, think about how his attitude affected your mood. If he was happy, you were, too. If he was in a bad mood, it negatively affected you.

We are no different; our attitude affects those around us as well. Remember, we’re being watched by our peers, subordinates and supervisors and it’s our duty to be a positive and encouraging force for them.

Maintain self-control at all times.

The quickest way to lose the respect of others is to get upset and lose our self-control. I’ve witnessed people display a fit of rage after someone did something wrong. It didn’t matter if it was a mistake or made on purpose. The supervisor would say and do things they shouldn’t. After they’ve calmed down, the supervisor would sometimes return to apologize, but it didn’t matter. The damage was done. It may take a long time for people to trust someone who cannot control his temper.

Let’s face it, we all make mistakes, but how we handle them can be a true indicator of our leadership potential. If we are to lead our troops, we have to set a positive example at all times. Maintaining self-control separates the true leaders from those still in training.

Don’t complain if you don’t have a viable solution.

No one wants to be around someone who constantly complains. I’ve had to remind myself no matter how badly I think I have it, there are others worse off than I am. After this thought sinks in, I realize things aren’t as bad as I once thought they were.

My challenge to you while you’re deployed is to make the best of every situation; get involved in activities on base; further your education and pursue some of the goals you couldn’t find the time to do back at your home station.

By following these tips, everyone around us benefits and our working environment is a much better place to be.

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week

Airman Nicholas Little




Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Oscar Lamas

Airman Nicholas Little, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron, picked up two metal objects left on a tow ramp area between Building 5111 and the B-1 parking ramp, his findings eliminated further migration of this debris to the aircraft parking ramp.

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AAFES: side-by-side serving America’s armed forces

By Sheila Scevers
AAFES Public Affairs

Since the first formal exchanges were established in 1895, an exchange system has served side-by-side with troops in tents and trucks, in the field and in permanent facilities, on posts and bases around the world.

While the mission remains virtually the same as it was nearly 111 years ago, the scope of Army & Air Force Exchange Service operations has never been more extensive or necessary as it is today.

Currently, there are more than 450 volunteer AAFES associates deployed in support of America’s military. To date, 1,601 AAFES associates, including Lino Perez and Ron Barfield from the Dyess Base Exchange have deployed to dangerous places around the world since September 2001. These associates, and the rapidly deployed facilities they operate, often provide the only source of comfort items and necessities in combat locations. AAFES’ presence in Iraq is a case-in-point: the first PX/BX opened in Tallil in early April 2004, before Baghdad fell.

Today, service members rely on 56 direct- operating exchanges scattered throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom for day-to-day health and comfort items, such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste. These large retail operations, in addition to 39 smaller military-operated activities, called Imprest Funds, are the primary providers of snacks, beverages and entertainment items for deployed troops.

In addition to delivering traditional retail products to the contingency theater, AAFES operates 68 call centers with 1,742 phones that provide calls to the United States for as little as 19 cents a minute. With an average usage of more than 14 million minutes each month, these facilities are critical to maintaining the link to family and friends back home.

Providing familiar tastes and aro-

mas, the presence of name brand fast food continues to grow. In fact, AAFES currently operates more than 150 fast food outlets downrange. AAFES also provides a variety of services to deployed troops to include barber, beauty, photo and gift shops as well as alterations and day spas. While AAFES is able to provide access to local wares and souvenirs including artwork, jewelry and rugs, the merchandise assortment in deployed environments typically includes basic health and hygiene items and snacks.

“Over time, the assortment expands to other items needed and requested by troops,” said Mr. Barfield, who is the general manager here. “AAFES now sells electronics, magazines, DVDs and even small appliances (overseas). Many service members purchase DVD players, second-generation video game consoles and laptop computers at exchanges throughout Iraq and Afghanistan. We are continually adjusting the stock assortment to meet the unique needs of troops serving far from home.”

Since its establishment in 1895, AAFES has been involved in 14 major contingencies (to include the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Balkans and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom) and several dozen humanitarian and disaster relief efforts. Nowadays, AAFES operates worldwide in more than 30 countries, five U.S. territories, and 49 states (not Rhode Island).

“AAFES’ motto, ‘We Go Where You Go,’ best summarizes its commitment to America’s modern fighting force,” said Barfield. “AAFES provides exceptional support to troops serving in deployed areas. The scope and intensity of the operations are clear signs that wherever our troops serve, AAFES is dedicated to providing them competitively low prices on the services and merchandise they need ... and want ... in order to enhance their quality of life.”



U.S. Air Force photo
Four female pilots leave their ship at the four engine school in Lockbourne, Ohio. They were members of a group of Women's Air Force Service Pilots who have been trained to ferry the B-17 Flying Fortresses.

“It’s a good time to be a woman”

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

If you’ve never heard Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, sing, “I am Woman,” then you missed Dyess’ annual Women’s History Month luncheon here March 10.

The theme of the day was “Building Communities and Dreams.” Colonel Harencak, along with almost 65 other guests and base leadership, attended.

Mrs. Staci Vileta, 7th BW sexual assault response coordinator and military spouse, was the guest speaker for the event.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
Colonel Robert McCormick, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander (right), and Lt. Col. Anne Marie Fenton, 7th Mission Support Squadron commander (left), listen to Mrs. Vileta’s speech at the Women’s History Month luncheon here March 10.

“Ladies and gentlemen, it’s a good time to be a woman,” Mrs. Vileta said in the opening of her speech, borrowing from a longer quotation by Mrs. Claudia Taylor Johnson, former First Lady, whose statement continued, “...because your country, now more than any time in its history, is utilizing your abilities and intelligence.”

Mrs. Vileta said she can talk about building communities and dreams. Her job now as the SARC has been the surprising result of life choices that brought her from dreaming of being a high-powered, “corporate” career woman to marrying into the military and taking a more flexible approach to her career path.

During her husband’s tour in England, Mrs. Vileta worked for an American university as a field representative while earning her master’s degree in counseling. She also deployed as a traveling professor and found it to be exciting, and a good use of her bachelor’s and master’s degrees. She said she wasn’t very happy about the prospect of leaving the career she had built and starting from scratch at Dyess.

“(But) being attached to the Air Force, you can’t let your happiness be determined by geography,” she said. “We must all grow where we are planted.”

That was a decision she made when she and her husband were informed of their move to Dyess from England in 1998.

“Now, as the SARC, I work to build our wingman culture and take care of those who may have been hurt in our community,” she said.

The opportunity for her to become Dyess’ SARC came while she was working for the Family Advocacy Program here.

“I had no way of knowing that a series of fortunate events would lead me to where I am now,” Mrs. Vileta said.

“If you had asked me eight years ago if I could see myself standing at this podium



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss
Mrs. Staci Vileta, 7th Bomb Wing sexual assault response coordinator, speaks with Col. Kevin Jackson, 317th Airlift Group commander, before Dyess’ annual Women’s History Month luncheon March 10.

talking to all of you, I probably would have booked you a life skills appointment,” she said. “Then, I believed opportunities like this don’t come to women like me. Now I know better. Opportunities like this are created by women like me, and women like those I see before me today.”

Mrs. Vileta also spoke about the novelty of being a woman in the military. Many women from previous generations had to fight for what are now normal jobs for females in the military.

In 1948, President Truman signed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act, officially recognizing the ongoing role women played in the defense of our nation, she said. But it wasn’t until 1994

that women were authorized to be fighter pilots.

Previously, she said, women had been considered “too high strung.” In this decade, women have built communities and seen dreams come to fruition.

“Today, we live and work in an Air Force that actively recruits and promotes female Airmen and civilians,” Mrs. Vileta said. “Every step along the way, progress for women in the armed forces was based on the blood, sweat and tears of hard-working women before us.

“These women pioneers gave us a solid foundation on which to build the future and a great responsibility to ensure the growth of the next generation of women.”

Spotlight on significant women in the Air Force



On March 18, 1971, Marcelite Jordon Harris became the first woman aircraft maintenance officer after completing the Aircraft Maintenance Officer School. General Harris was a woman of many “firsts.” She was also the first woman deputy commander for maintenance and one of the first two women air officers commanding at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The general was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1965. Besides her work in the maintenance field, General Harris was also chosen to work as a White House social aide during the Carter administration.

Many have recognized the dedication of General Harris including the National Organization of Tuskegee Airman, naming her Woman of the Year. She was named “Military African American Woman” for contributions to the Department of Defense by the National Political Congress of Black Women. General Harris was noted as “Black Woman of Courage” by the National Federation of Black Women Business Owners. She has also received the prestigious “Ellis Island Medal of Honor.”



Esther M. Blake

Esther M. Blake is considered the first woman in the Air Force. She enlisted on July 8, 1948, within the first minute the Air Force was officially authorized to accept women for regular duty.

Blake actually began her Air Force career in 1944, when she joined the Women’s Army Corps of the Army Air Forces. She joined the Corps because she had just learned that her eldest

son, a pilot in the Air Force, had been shot down while flying over Belgium and was missing.

Blake felt that if she could free a soldier from clerical duties to go and fight by taking on those tasks, she might help speed the end of the war.

Blake’s sons eventually both returned from combat as decorated soldiers with only minor injuries, but Blake continued her service and

worked at many bases throughout the country. She left the Air Force briefly to return to work at the Miami Air Depot, where she had been employed before she entered the Women’s Corps.

Soon after, she heeded a call for women to return to service and shortly thereafter made history by becoming the first official female enlistee when the Air Force was authorized to

enlist women for duty.

Blake left the Air Force in 1954 due to a disability and moved on to a job with the U.S. Civil Service at the Veterans Regional Headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. Blake died October 1979.

By Sara Mitcho, Contractor, Air Force Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. From multiple sources



Lillian Kinkella Keil was a pioneer in passenger care who combined her two careers – registered nurse and stewardess – and became the most decorated woman in U.S. military history. Her experiences as an Air Force flight nurse in World War II and Korea resulted in her being awarded 19 medals, including a European Theater medal with four battle stars, a Korean service medal with seven battle stars, four air medals, and a Presidential Citation from the Republic of Korea.

Keil became one of the first stewardesses hired by United and was tending to her passengers when the United States entered World War II. On a flight to Santa Barbara, a passenger sitting in the rear of the plane said, “What are you doing on this plane? You’re a registered nurse, and we have a war going on. You belong in the Air Force as a flight nurse.” When Keil got home from that flight, she wrote to the School of Evacuation at Bowman Fields, Calif. Within two weeks, she was accepted. By the summer of 1943, she was in England pulling wounded and frostbitten crewmen out of B-17s returning from bombing raids over Europe. While there, she witnessed the first buzz bomb attack on London, and in June 1944 climbed aboard a C-47. D-Day had come and she was heading for Normandy to collect the wounded.

Keil made 250 evacuation flights, 23 of them transatlantic, during the war, moving from one

man to another, stanching the flow of blood, bandaging wounds, and giving medicine and comfort.

After World War II ended, Keil returned to United Airlines as an assistant chief stewardess. But her civilian career was interrupted again in 1950 when she returned to her duties as an Air Force flight nurse and flew to Korea. During the next 16 months, Keil flew 175 air evacuations out of Korea, logging 1,400 hours of flight time. She was assigned to the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Transportation Squadron during that time.

Her experiences as a flight nurse were used as the basis for a 1953 Hollywood movie, “Flight Nurse,” starring Joan Leslie and Forrest Tucker. Keil was a technical adviser for the film. In 1961, her appearance on the popular television program “This Is Your Life” generated one of the 10 highest mail responses in the program’s history; many of the letters coming from the wounded veterans she had helped.

She has been honored several times in her hometown of Covina Hills, Calif., and is still active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

TEAM DYESS
Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Benjamin McGuire

Unit: 7th Comptroller Squadron
Job title: Military pay technician
Job description: To review and record members’ pay and allowances
Time in the Air Force: Seven months
Time at Dyess: Three months
Marital status: Single
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Most rewarding job aspect: Impacting all members of Dyess through financial services
Career goals: To finish my bachelor’s degree in mathematics and get my commission
What you like most about Dyess: The wide open spaces and the people
What you like most about the Air Force: The quality of life and opportunities it presents
Best Air Force memory: When I was in technical school at Keesler AFB, Miss., I was able to help with relief work in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

(Editor’s note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

News Briefs

Space-available travel

Current space-available C-130 flight schedule:

- Today, takes off at 7:30 a.m. to Kelly AFB, Texas; returns same day.
- Monday, takes off at 9 a.m. to Peterson AFB, Colo.; returns Wednesday.
- March 24, takes off at 10 a.m. to Ft. Polk, La.; returns same day.
- March 24, takes off at 10 a.m. to West Palm Beach, Fla., and Moody AFB, Ga.; returns March 26.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification cards plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at Building 4112, Avenue A3.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must coordinate with the pax terminal by calling 696-4505 or 696-8732.

P-40 dedication gate closure

The main gate is scheduled to be closed March 25 from 9:55 to 10:45 a.m. for the dedication ceremony of a replica of Lt. Col William Dyess’ P-40.

The Tye and Delaware gates are scheduled to be open during this time.

Parking for the ceremony will be in the Linear Air Park parking lot and in the field behind the P-40.

Individuals who arrive for the ceremony after 9:55 a.m. may park outside the gate.

PREP workshop

A prevention and relationship enhancement program workshop is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the family support center. Child care is scheduled to be provided. Lunch not included.

For more information, call life skills at 696-5380.

AF Portal

All service members must sign up for an AF Portal account in they don’t already have one. The AF Portal is how servicemembers will manage their personal records and other actions the military personnel flight used to handle, starting March 31.

Little league coaches

Coaches are needed for the Dyess little league program. There are still openings for Minor league, 7- to 8-year-olds.

Little league registration has been extended to March 24.

For more information, call Andrea Short at 696-4797 or Billy Spencer at 696-5070.

Community assessment

The Air Force is scheduled to administer the 2006 Community Assessment survey in March and April of 2006 to gather servicemembers’ thoughts and perceptions of liv-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

Dyess Airmen run for fun

Members of the 7th Bomb Wing participated in a monthly wing run March 10. The three-mile run is part of the Air Force’s fit-to-fight program. Airmen may view their progress and past fitness scores at the Air Force Fitness Management System link in the AF Portal.

ing and working within the Dyess community.

Survey results will be used by Air Force leadership to improve services to better meet the needs of servicemembers and their families at Dyess.

The survey is completely anonymous.

For more information, call Maj. Eileen Loflin at 696-5924.

Emergency notification

Individuals need to ensure their emergency notification information is accurate and up-to-date. This includes family member information and contact information.

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data can be accessed and updated online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/>. For more information, people may call their commander’s support staff.

AEF Welcome Home Party

An aerospace expeditionary force Welcome Home Party is scheduled for today from noon to 4 p.m. at the 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron hangar.

Airmen who have recently returned from a deployment are encouraged to wear their deployed uniform to be recognized. Family and friends are welcome, and activities for children are scheduled to be provided.

Parking will be available at the fitness center and the 28th Bomb Squadron lemon lot. Buses are scheduled to run from the parking lots to the 7th EMS hangar.

For more information, call Pat Trail at 696-2141.

Dorm superintendent needed

The base housing office is looking for a dormitory superintendent. Applicants must hold the rank of master sergeant, have completed Senior NCO Academy, and have computer and communication skills.

Dormitory superintendents oversee six dorm managers and 12 dormitories.

Tour length for this position is two years with an optional one-year extension.

Applicants must not currently hold an Air Force Specialty Code receiving a selective reenlistment bonus, and cannot be on a profile prohibiting them from performing all duties assigned to a dormitory superintendent.

Interested applicants may submit resumes to the base housing office no later than April 5. Airmen must also have a letter from their squadron commander stating that they will be released from their current job.

For more information, call Dawn Davis-Spector at 696-4814.

ANG openings

The New York Air National Guard’s 106th Rescue Wing from Westhampton, N.Y., has several full- and part-time openings. The 106th flies HC-130’s and HH-60’s. Full-time maintenance positions include engine mechanic, survival equipment, aerospace ground equipment, and aircraft mechanic.

Part-time positions are open in all maintenance areas.

For more information, call Col. Robert Landsiedel at 800-856-3573, ext. 7497.

Watch for myPay copy-cat

The Air Force is asking personnel to be aware of myPay look-alike web sites. Several sites have popped up with “myPay” in their web addresses.

These sites are not affiliated with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service but request personal information that, if provided, could be detrimental to the member. The only official myPay website is <https://myPay.DFAS.mil>.

Youth job fair

A youth job fair is scheduled for March 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. Youth interested in summer part-time employment may attend free of charge. Youth must be at least 16 years old and must know their social security number in order to complete job applications. Students may pre-register with their school guidance counselors.

The Abilene Civic Center is located at North Sixth and Pine streets.

For more information, call the base family support centers’ Sylvia Shurgot at 696-8421.

MPOY golf tournament

The second annual Military Person of the Year golf tournament is scheduled for today beginning at noon at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

It will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. There is a \$30-entry fee, which includes greens fees and cart rental. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest shot to the pin.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mark Matta 696-3340.

Air Force cookbook

A new cookbook is in the works and the author wants recipes. The book, *Best of the Best from Air Force Families Cookbook*, will feature more than 350 recipes from anyone who is or was in the Air Force and their families.

Recipes may be submitted to Karen Tosten, 122 Hedgerow Lane, Yorktown, VA 23693, e-mailed to ktosten@cox.net, or faxed to 757-867-8916.

Submitters are asked to provide their names, cities and states, relationships to the Air Force, and phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

The deadline for submission is May 31.

For more information, call Ms. Tosten at 757-867-8916.

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Family child care

The family child care office is looking for providers. Training is free, and providers have access to an extensive lending program and United States Department of Agriculture food program.

Providers are also eligible for tax deductions.

For more information, call Michelle Beaulieu at 696-2839.

Dyess Chapel

Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday:	Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass — 9 a.m. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine — 11 a.m.
Tuesday — Friday:	Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

Sunday:	Sunday school — 9:45 a.m. Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.
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Jewish services:

A Jewish service is scheduled for today at 7 p.m. at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$3, children 6-12 years old are \$1.50, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. Admission for G-rated movies is \$1.50 for children between the ages 2-12.

For more information, call the base theater at 696-4320.

<p>Today, at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Annapolis</p> <p><i>James Franco, Jordana Brewster</i></p> <p>When he won a coveted admission spot to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, local kid Jake Huard thought all of his dreams had come true — but his battle to become the man he wants to be is only just beginning.</p> <p>Rated PG-13 (violence, sexual content, language) 108 min.</p>	<p>Saturday, Sunday at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Nanny McPhee</p> <p><i>Emma Thompson, Colin Firth</i></p> <p>A new nanny enters the household of the recently widowed Mr. Brownand and attempts to tame his seven exceedingly ill-behaved children. The children, led by the oldest boy, Simon, have managed to drive away 17 previous nannies and are certain they will have no trouble with this one. But as Nanny McPhee takes control, they begin to notice that their vile behavior now leads swiftly and magically to rather startling consequences.</p> <p>Rated PG (thematic elements, rude humor, language) 98 min.</p>	<p>Saturday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>The Matador</p> <p><i>Pierce Brosnan, Greg Kinnear</i></p> <p>When a traveling salesman, Danny Wright, accidentally meets up with Julian Noble, a hit man, at a Mexico City bar, their subsequent evening together intertwines their lives in an unexpected, but lasting bond.</p> <p>Rated R (sexual content, language) 97 min.</p>
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Engineers capture basketball title

Story and photos by
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The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron battled back from an early 8-point deficit to take the intramural basketball championship Monday, stopping the 7th Medical Group 63-57.

This year's title is the second consecutive title for the 7th CES and the third championship in four years.

The Medics started the game running and built a quick lead in the first minutes of the first half. Buckets by Josie Martinez, Nate Bias and Javier Martinez combined to put the 7th MDG ahead 13-5.

Five minutes into the half, 7th CES coach Kisona Mailoto Jr. called a time out to settle his team down. After the time out, the Engineers began slowly chipping away at the Medics lead.

With field goals from Eric Davis and Nathaniel Jerome and two trips to the charity stripe for Jerome, the 7th CES pulled to within four points of the Medics, 17-13 with 12 minutes left in the half.

A turnover by the Medics lead to a nEngineer-fast back by Antonio Goldsmith who dished the ball to Jonathan Nightingale for a layup, cutting the deficit to two points, 7th MDG-17, 7th CES-15.

However, the Medics were not ready to relinquish the lead just yet. Javier Martinez dropped two quick baskets ,including a 3-pointer, to give the 7th MDG a 7-point lead, 22-15.

No sooner did the Medics pad their score, they gave up back to back turnovers, which allowed the Engineers to climb back to within one point of the Medics, 22-21.

Both teams traded baskets with end-to-end action, pushing the score as they went.

Jerome tied the score 28-all from the free-throw line with 2:50 remaining in the half. The teams would tie the score two more times before the half ended. The Medics' Javier Martinez held the ball for the last shot of the half and drained a 3-pointer with three seconds remaining. The score at the half was 7th MDG-35, 7th CES-34.

The Medics didn't hold their slim lead for long. After the teams traded baskets, the 7th CES snagged the lead and held it the remainder of the game. William Watkins' field goal gave the Engineers a 39-37 lead with 16:08 left in the game.

The 7th CES padded their lead. Field goals by Watkins, Jerome and Goldsmith helped the Engineers maintain their lead.



Nathaniel Jerome, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, tries to get past Percy Gammage, 7th Medical Group, during Monday's championship game.



Antonio Goldsmith, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, drives past Quentin Clarke, 7th Medical Group, for a layup during Monday's intramural basketball championship game. Goldsmith had 9 points in the game. The 7th CES defeated the 7th MDG by a score of 63-57.

But the Medics wouldn't go quietly. Bias, Javier Martinez and Percy Gammage kept the game close. Eight minutes after taking the lead from the Medics, the Engineers had a 5-point advantage with under eight minutes remaining, 48-43.

The 7th MDG closed the gap on a free throw by Gammage, making the score 7th CES-48, 7th MDG-46.

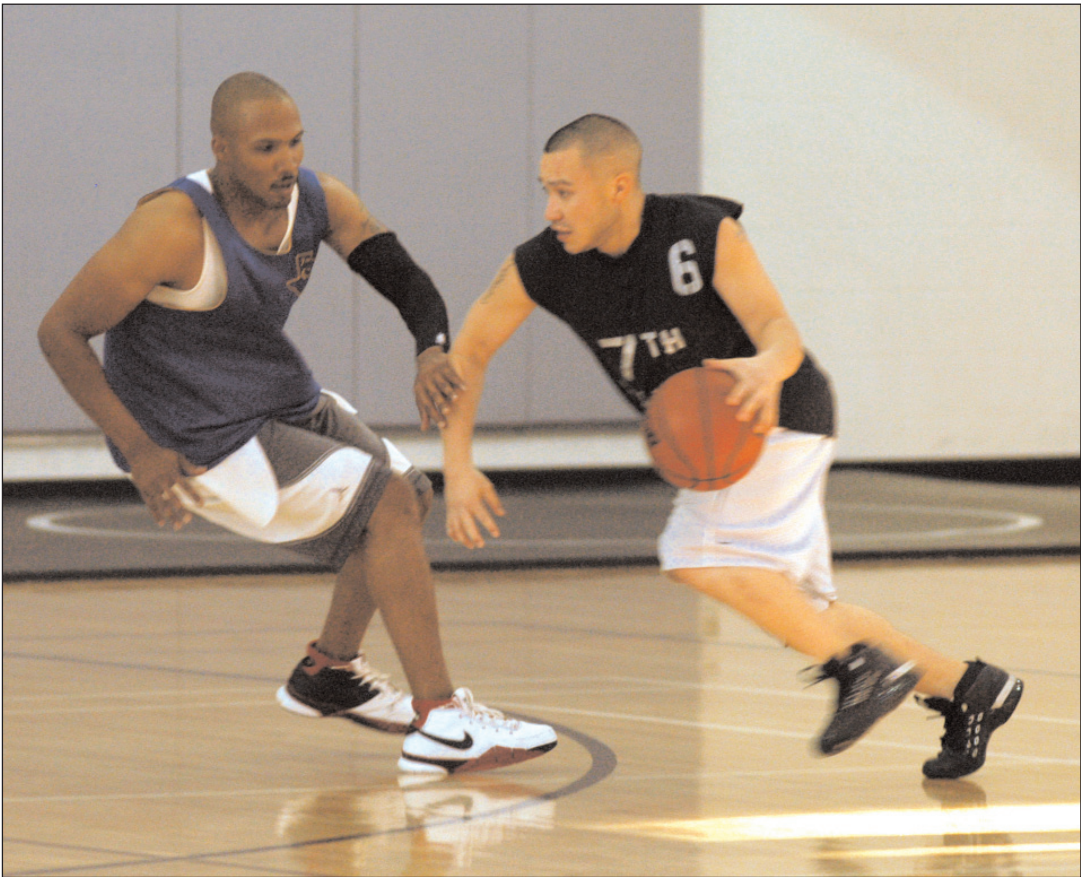
Play continued to be end-to-end action with the teams again trading baskets. The 7th MDG ran into foul trouble late in the game. This, combined with the clock beginning to be a factor, forced the Medics to intentionally foul the Engineers to try to get the ball back.

The gamble didn't pay off as the 7th CES took advantage of the trips to the charity stripe.

With a minute left in the game, the Engineers held a 6-point margin over the 7th MDG, 59-53. In the last minute, the Medics tried to force the play and cut the Engineers' lead, but it resulted in turnovers, which the engineers capitalized on. Final score – 63-57.

"The victory is a great feeling for the team that showed it resilience, stamina and talent," said Kisona Mailoto. "The coaches and the rest of the 7th Civil Engineer family are very proud to be part of this impressive 14-0, undefeated season.

"We are very excited about the win," said assistant coach Eberson



Nathaniel Jerome, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, defends against Miguel Aguilar, 7th Medical Group, as he breaks toward the goal during the first half of Monday's game.

Jeanmary. "But this championship would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the deployed head coach Tony Ware. All we did was execute his game plan."

The Medics player and coach Jerome Weems reflected on the loss. "They are a better team," said Weems, "They capitalized on our mistakes."

He said he was very proud of what his

team had accomplished though. Weems said that throughout the playoff, people said medics didn't deserve to be there, but they won four games in four nights to get to the final game and a chance for the title. "It will be our motivation for next year," he added.

Top scorer for the 7th CES was Jerome with 16 points, including two 3-pointers.

Josie Martinez, 7th MDG, lead all scorers with 19 points.

Sports Briefs

Fitness Center Sports Calendar

The fitness center has announced the upcoming intramural sports schedules. The schedule includes the dates the letters of intent will been sent out, the date they are due back to the fitness center, the date of the coaches meeting, and when the respective sport is scheduled to begin.

Sport	LOIs sent out	LOIs due	Coaches meeting	Season begins
Racquetball	Jan. 10	Jan. 24	Feb. 25	March 13
Volleyball*	Feb. 17	March 13	March 13	April 14
Soccer*	March 14	April 7	April 12	April 24
Golf	March 21	April 15	April 19	May 1
Softball*	April 4	April 22	April26	May 8
Tennis	June 1	June 20	June 21	June 10

*core sports

Men's Varsity Basketball

Dyess is scheduled to host Goodfellow in varsity basketball action this weekend at the fitness center.

Saturday
3 p.m.

Sunday
Noon



U.S. Air Force photo by John Van Winkle

Falcons train

Falcons sophomore halfback Chad Smith leads fellow backs through an agility drill during spring training in preperation for the upcoming season. Smith ran 34 times for 190 yards and one touchdown in the Falcons' triple-option rushing attack last season.

The Falcons kickoff their 12-game season Sept. 9 at the University of Tennessee .